PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ilic FERRETTI, et al.

Attorney Docket Q66316

Appln. No.: not yet assigned

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Confirmation No.: Not yet assigned

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: September 21, 2001

For: A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING CLOSED AREAS AND DEFINING MASKS IN A

DIGITAL IMAGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

10

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title insert the heading

Ŋ **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 3, after the first full paragraph insert the heading

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, before the first full paragraph insert the heading

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, before the first full paragraph insert the heading

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION